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DAN EDWARD ROUTLY

Petitioner,

v.

STATE OF FLORIDA

Respondent.

RESPONSE TO
PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE
SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

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In addition to those facts stated by Petitioner and those found in the opinion of the Florida Supreme Court, the following should be considered.

In mid-1979, Petitioner Dan Edward Routly (also known as Keith Owen Rosencrantz) was traveling with Colleen O'Brien in the Ocala area looking for jobs. (R-887) A local junk and salvage dealer in Reddick employed Routly as a part-time mechanic and general handyman. (R-695) Routly and O'Brien were allowed to stay in a small trailer on the operator's property. (TT-697)

During this period of employment, Routly was seen shooting a blue-steel .38 caliber inexpensive pistol at some fence posts on the property. (R-701) Routly and the salvage operator had a disagreement which lead to the termination of employment. The apparent source of the trouble was that the operator had picked Colleen up from work and instead of driving her directly home, spent approximately five hours at a bar called "Joe's Place." (R-709) Routly and Colleen then went to live with James Gibson in a garage apartment next to Gibson's house. They stayed for three or four weeks.

On one occasion, Gibson saw an elderly man bring O'Brien to the apartment. Gibson had never seen the man before and had not seen him since. (R-729) The last time he had contact with O'Brien was when she called requesting money for purposes of purchasing a bus ticket to go back up north. (R-730) Without notice of any kind, Routly and O'Brien moved out in the middle of one night. (R-725)

Apparently while living at Gibson's apartment, the couple also took up residence at a campground. (R-888) Because they were not getting along, O'Brien left Routly. (R-890)

Although the next sequence of events is not exactly clear, it appears that O'Brien found herself accepting a ride from some man. (R-891) After a discussion, this man gave her a note with his name and phone number and told her that if she needed any help to call him. (R-892) He dropped her off and she

went to see Routly. (R-893) Together they went to the campground. (R-893) Their troubles had not smoothed over, and the next morning she called this man and asked him to come pick her up. [Colleen identified the man as Tony and testified that he was the same as pictured in State's Exhibit 1, the deceased. (R-893)]

Tony took Colleen to his house and she began making preparations to take a bus back to Michigan. (R-894) Colleen stayed at Tony's house overnight. (R-899) Tony took Colleen to where Routly was staying and she gathered her belongings and returned to Tony's place. (R-900) Tony left his house leaving Colleen there alone. (R-900) Colleen saw Routly walk by the window and went outside to talk to him. (R-901) Routly was upset and told Colleen that he didn't want her to leave. (R-901) The two went back inside the house and Tony returned. (R-901) Routly started to leave but apparently remained within the house. (R-901, SR-15) Routly pulled a gun on Tony and told him to lay down on the bed. He then tied Tony up and went through his house looking for money. He broke open one or more ceramic banks which he found in drawers. (SR-15) Routly took the change and the couple of dollars from Tony's wallet. (SR-15)

Routly then told Colleen to pack her suitcase and at that time Colleen thought she saw Routly with a gun. (R-902) Whether Routly carried him or whether Tony walked by himself, Tony ended up in the trunk of his own car. According to Colleen Tony walked to the trunk but according to Routly, both hands and feet were tied and Tony was gagged with a bandanna. (SR-15) Routly drove out in the country looking for a field or, apparently, some other deserted place. (SR-16) He noticed that his brake lights were not working, so he pulled the car over, and went to the trunk. As Colleen stood nearby, Routly shot Tony. (SR-17, R-905) Colleen and Routly dragged Tony's body back into the bushes. (SR-17, R-906)

Routly then picked up another woman and her daughter

and all four drove north in Tony's car. (SR-17) He dropped the other woman and daughter in Tallahassee and told her that he had shot somebody. (SR-17) He and O'Brien then drove to Louisiana. Routly took the car to a car wash and cleaned it inside and out trying to get the fingerprints out. (SR-18) He then parked the car at a bar leaving the keys in it hoping someone would steal it. (SR-18)

On June 23, 1979, the body of Anthony Bockini was discovered approximately 15 feet off the road. Time of death was estimated to have occurred from three to five days prior to June 23rd. (R-744) The body was somewhat decomposed, and an autopsy revealed the cause of death as a gunshot wound which caused not only fractures of the bones in the head and neck but also injury to the spinal cord at the base of the skull. (R-743, 744) A bullet was recovered from the body at the autopsy. (R-744) That bullet had similar characteristics to those recovered from the fence post on the salvage operator's land. It could have been fired from a weapon described as being purchased by Routly. (R-871) When autopsied, the body had a white shirt with the insignia "Marion Community Hospital" on it, a blue ballpoint pen in the pocket, a name tag bearing the name "Anthony Bockini", a red bandanna around the neck, dark blue trousers and dark blue socks. (R-738, 739)

Later that year in early December, Colleen O'Brien was arrested for larceny and was in custody in the City of Flint, Michigan. (R-1002) While in that custody she told the Michigan police officers that Routly had shot a man in Florida. (R-911, 926) At that point in time, there were several outstanding criminal warrants for Routly's arrest from the State of Michigan and the Michigan authorities had been looking for him at that precise moment. (R-1001)

Because of Colleen's statements the Michigan police contacted the Marion County Sheriff's Department and Investigator Alioto and Sergeant Jerald traveled to Flint, Michigan and questioned Colleen O'Brien. (R-1002, 225, 240)

On information and belief not appearing in this record,

Flint Police Officer Rutherford, while working with a special surveillance unit, was watching a named address, particularly looking for Dan Edward Routly. (R-985) At approximately 12:45 a.m. on December 5, 1979, he observed through binoculars, a crouching figure enter a car parked at the address being watched. (R-985) All that could be determined was that the person was a white male. (R-986) The person started the car, backed out of the driveway, and took off at a fast rate of speed and without any headlights. (R-986)

Flint Police Officer Black was assigned to marked patrol car duties at that time. (R-989) As a result of contact with fellow officers, he and his partner, who were in the process of looking for Dan Routly and had knowledge of him several days prior to that date, (R-990) intercepted a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed without its headlights believed to be driven by Dan Routly. When the car stopped, Routly jumped out and began to run and Officer Black chambered a shell in his shotgun and warned Routly to stop or he would shoot. (R-991) Black testified that Routly was arrested for "questioning in regards to a murder in the State of Florida." (R-992) He also mentioned that there were other charges but the other officers "didn't go into those." (R-993)

Once in custody, Routly was met by the Florida officers. When the Florida officers first saw Routly, they introduced themselves, advised Routly of his Miranda rights and stated that they wanted to talk to him about the murder of Anthony Bockini.

(R-203),243) Routly replied that he would like to first talk to the Flint police authorities. (R-203,243) He spoke with Officer Hanna and inquired about the various charges that were outstanding in the State of Michigan. (R-1003) The only thing Hanna told Routly was that the Florida case would take precedence over the other cases and that he could not say one thing or another with regard to the pending charges in Michigan. (R-1006)

Routly then returned to the Florida officials whereupon they reminded him of the earlier rights advisement. (R-25) He

then confessed. (SR-13,20)

With regard to the voluntariness of that statement, the record reveals that Appellant was read his rights from a card issued by the Marion County Sheriff's Department. (R-204) Routly acknowledged that he understood his rights and at that time he appeared in a normal state and in possession of his faculties. There was no indication or odor of alcoholic beverages and no indication from his actions that he was under the influence of any narcotic or drug. He had no trouble walking, sitting, or standing. He was articulate and able to be understood, with a very good attitude towards the officer. (R-204-206) Routly was neither coerced nor promised anything. (R-242) He was informed of the nature of the charge against him. (R-251) Possible penalties for that offense were not discussed. (R-251) At no time did Routly refuse to answer any questions. (R-252) Routly was aware that O'Brien was in custody and as far as the officers knew, Routly knew that she was pregnant. (R-253) Routly was not told that O'Brien had given a statement indicating him in the murder. (R-253) He was not told that if he gave a statement O'Brien would be released from custody. (R-225,254) No statements making the unsavory connection between jail and a baby were made or suggested to Routly. (R-227,256) He was not told that he needed to help O'Brien or that the baby would be taken away. (R-256)

REASONS FOR NOT GRANTING THE WRIT

The Confession Issue

Petitioner moved to suppress his confession as evidence. He essentially argued that his Michigan arrest was illegal and thus any statement flowing therefrom was inadmissible and in any event, he confessed only because of unlawful coercion in the form of certain promises. A hearing was held and the motion was denied.

Under Florida law, even though a pretrial order denying a motion to suppress has been entered, a criminal defendant must nevertheless contemporaneously object to the admission of the

contested evidence at trial. Failure to do so waives the right to appellate review of any allegation of error. Jones v. State, 360 So.2d 1293 (Fla. 3d DCA 1978). This authority was specifically adopted by the Florida Supreme Court in this case. Routly v. State, 440 So.2d 1257 (Fla. 1983), at 1260. Also cited was its decision in Steinhorst v. State, 412 So.2d 332 (Fla. 1982), standing for the proposition that an appellate court will not consider an issue unless it was presented to the lower court and further, only the specific contention asserted at trial will be recognized on appeal. Id. at 338.

A review of the trial transcript reveals that a tape recording of Petitioner's confession was offered into evidence as follows:

BY MR. FITOS: Your Honor, the State of Florida would offer the tape in the prosecution of Investigator Alioto into evidence at this time to be correctly and accurately portraying the statement that was made on that evening as testified to the Court by this witness --

BY THE COURT: Any objections?

BY MR. FOX: Yes, Your Honor. I object, other than the Court's prior ruling which I'm aware of, object on the ground that there has not been a proper predicate to its publication to the Jury.

BY THE COURT: Overrule the objection. This is admitted into evidence. (R-1051)

Later the State offered a transcript of the tape recorded confession thusly:

BY MR. FITOS: Your Honor, at this time the State would move for introduction of the transcript of the tape which has been published to this Jury into evidence as State's Exhibit Number 21.

BY MR. FOX: And as to the admissibility of the transcript, Your Honor, I would object on the grounds that it's cumulative to the tape. It's no more probative than the tape. The best evidence is the tape and it has been published to the Jury. It is of no probative value.

BY MR. FITOS: Your Honor, it is of probative value for the following reasons.

BY THE COURT: Objection overruled. (R-1064)

Applying the above-cited law to the above quoted facts,

"At the outset and dispositive on this issue is the fact that the defendant failed to make a contemporaneous specific objection at trial." 440 So.2d at 1260.
(emphasis added)

Relying on the above-cited authority, the court squarely held that Petitioner could not raise this issue (relating to the admissibility of his confession) on appeal.

The contemporaneous objection requirement which Petitioner failed to observe was the same one representing procedural default in Wainwright v. Sykes, 433 U.S. 72 (1977). That the Florida Supreme Court considered the issue on the merits should not and, it is submitted, does not alter the fact that there existed an adequate and independent state ground disposing of the issue. Accordingly, since this procedural default would have prevented direct review here, Wainwright v. Sykes, *supra*, there exists no reason to grant the writ. Moreover, it is noted that Petitioner does nothing to demonstrate that the procedural default basis was inadequate or in any other way not accountable for the decision below. This he is required to do in order to establish jurisdiction. Durley v. Mayo, 351 U.S. 277 (1956).

Despite the above, the Florida Supreme Court provided the adjunctive view that even had the issue been properly preserved, it was as a matter of fact and law, meritless. With regards to the legality of the arrest in Michigan, the court held that the record provided ample evidence of probable cause to arrest Petitioner either on the basis of what was told them by Petitioner's girlfriend or the existence of outstanding Michigan warrants for Petitioner's arrest.

Regarding the assertion of promises inducing the confession, the Florida Supreme Court gave complete deference to the factual determination of the trial judge who, after listening to testimony, determined that the true facts were adverse to Petitioner. The Florida Supreme Court found that the record fairly supported that determination and refused to interfere.

Rather than addressing the lack of specific objection, Petitioner makes an emotional plea for review questioning the due process propriety of using a defendant's statement as a source of aggravating evidence. In response, we only note that until John Spinkellink took the stand at his trial, the state was totally unaware of the motive of the killing, to wit: pecuniary gain. It could be considered that the defendant there helped to provide that which resulted in his eventual execution. Spinkellink v. State, 313 So.2d 666 (1975).

Presentence Investigation Report Issue.

Here there is no issue preserved much less one involving a federal question. Attached hereto is a short appendix consisting of the transcripts of two separate sentencing hearings. Even a quick examination of those transcripts shows that Petitioner failed at any point to raise the federal question which he now seeks to argue and perhaps this explains why the requirement of Rule 21.1(h) has not been observed.

Petitioner received the presentence report and was obviously given full opportunity to either explain or deny any of the information contained therein. Nothing was "secret"; nothing was kept from either Petitioner or his attorney. The only thing offered to the trial court regarding the report was a general philosophical presentation against such reports and their use in determining sentence. Although Petitioner gamely endeavored to discredit the concept of such report, he failed to either deny the contents of this particular report or challenge the accuracy of any information. No request was made to present evidence to refute what was stated in the report; no request was made to examine the sources of the information in the report; and aside from general remarks expressing dissatisfaction, no specific objection to the substance of the report was lodged.

Federal constitutional issues attempted to be raised

in a petition for writ of certiorari but not presented to the state courts below will not be decided. Cardinale v. Louisiana, 394 U.S. 437 (1969). Similarly, in Street v. New York, 394 U.S. 576 (1969), this Court declared that when the highest court of the state failed to pass upon the federal question, it will be assumed that the omission was due to want a proper presentation in the state courts unless the aggrieved party can affirmatively show otherwise. See also, Fuller v. Oregon, 417 U.S. 40 (1974); Herndon v. Georgia, 294 U.S. 441 (1935); Beck v. Washington, 369 U.S. 541 (1962).

Of note is the fact the Florida Supreme Court made no mention of this issue whatsoever. Considering that we there urged the lack of proper preservation it is clear to Respondent that the reason for the court's silence was the procedural default occurring by the failure to object on any specific ground of prejudice.

Jury Override Issues.

For the reasons stated immediately above, Petitioner is not entitled to the writ to review the issues he presents regarding the override of the jury recommendation of life. Once again, no issue whatsoever, whether federal or otherwise, was either raised or decided in the Florida Supreme Court. The only error Petitioner argued to that tribunal regarding the sentence of death was that the trial court improperly found factors in aggravation, failed to find circumstances in mitigation, and ignored the jury recommendation of life. However, the constitutionality of the process whether as applied to this case or in general terms was never raised either at trial or on appeal.

Respondent is aware of the grant of certiorari in Joseph Spaziano v. Florida, Case No. 83-5596 and is aware that one of the issues raised in that case is the constitutionality of Florida's jury override procedure. Respondent is also aware, however, that the precise issue was raised in the state court by the petitioner in that case. We likewise note that the Petitioner in this case, apparently unable to present original argument, has virtually copied the language in Spaziano's

petition verbatim in an apparent effort to sympathetically persuade that he too is worthy of having his case reviewed despite the fact that he never raised the question below. Respondent contends that this is an insufficient reason to grant review especially since the other issue in the Spaziano case is the apparent area of concern in light of this Court's continued denial of certiorari in the many cases which have attacked the practice of overriding a jury recommendation of life.

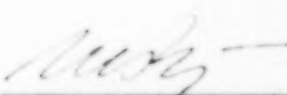
CONCLUSION

Petitioner has presented nothing to properly demonstrate why his case is worthy of review. To his detriment, the issues he here presents all suffer the fatal defects of either improper preservation below or a total lack of preservation on any basis.

The evidence against the Petitioner was overwhelming and the sentence imposed upon him was based only on evidence presented and was not imposed in reliance on any unconstitutional source. Petitioner did not show nor did he make an attempt to show that anything in mitigation existed. Although not raised by the Petitioner, the Florida Supreme Court reviewed the evidence for its sufficiency, 440 So.2d at 1262, as well as the sentence imposed. That court gave Petitioner the benefit of proportionality review, id. at 1266, and concluded that there properly existed five factors in aggravation and nothing in mitigation. Despite the jury's recommendation, the court held that the penalty was appropriate in this case. Petitioner has shown absolutely nothing why that determination should be disturbed and accordingly, the writ of certiorari to the Florida Supreme Court should be denied.

Respectfully submitted,

April 16, 1984



Richard W. Prospect

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APPENDIX

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR MARION COUNTY.
CRIMINAL ACTION.

CASE NO. 79-1270

STATE OF FLORIDA,)
)
Plaintiff,)
)
vs.)
)
DAN EDWARD ROUTLY,)
)
Defendant.)
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PROCEEDINGS: Sentencing

BEFORE: The Honorable Carven D. Angel
Circuit Judge
Fifth Judicial Circuit of Florida
Ocala, Florida 32670

PLACE: Circuit Courtroom
Marion County Courthouse
Ocala, Florida 32670

DATE AND TIME: September 15, 1980, 9:00 A. M.

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THE COURT: Dan Routly.

(Thereupon the Defendant Dan Routly approached, accompanied by his attorney, Mr. Fox)

THE COURT: Before the Court at this time for a sentencing hearing is Dan Edward Routly with Counsel, Mr. Ronald Fox, Public Defender, the Defendant having been found guilty after trial by Jury of First Degree Murder, a capital offense. The Court has received and reviewed a Pre-Sentence Investigation Report. Has Counsel and Defendant received a copy of this.

MR. FOX: Yes, we have, Your Honor, including, I should add for the record, the Confidential portion of the Pre-Sentence Investigation, which we both had an opportunity to review.

THE COURT: Are there any comments or statements on behalf of the Defendant at this hearing?

MR. FOX: Yes, Your Honor. First of all, state for the record at this time other than previously noted there is no legal cause why sentence should not be imposed the Court having previously ruled on all matters pertaining to that, but that we are here simply to present matters to be considered by you in determining the appropriate and just and legal sentence. Now, first of all, I'd like to direct the Court's attention to the Pre-Sentence

1 Investigation. My comments are not to be critical of
2 Paul Carr, the Officer who prepared the PSI but, rather,
3 if it's critical of anybody it should be of Probation
4 and Parole, in general, its method of presenting Pre-
5 Sentence Investigation material. The reason I say that,
6 and this doesn't apply just to Dan Routly's case but
7 it comes more to the forefront when we're talking of
8 a sentence -- the ultimate sentence and a serious matter
9 of this kind. The circumstances, interestingly enough,
10 in the PSI are obtained from reports of the Sheriff's
11 Department. Paul Carr didn't hear any evidence at trial
12 he didn't come to trial. We all sat through the trial,
13 the Court, myself, Mr. Pitos. The Court Reporter and
14 the Clerk no more about the facts of this case than Paul
15 Carr knows. There's adherent danger in taking the cir-
16 cumstances of an offense from the police reports.
17 Obviously, we know that's not evidence.

18 The Defendant's statement is also referred to in
19 the Pre-Sentence Investigation. It's presented in -- as
20 if it's a total fabrication. Seven times in the Defen-
21 dant's statement it is said that he claims something to
22 be true whereas the police reports are elevated to the
23 position of being known given facts. For some reason,
24 the Defendant is presumed to lie not only about the
25 facts of the case but where his mother works, if his

1 father is dead, things of that nature, not that that is
2 so significant, perhaps, but the Court relies heavily
3 on these Pre-Sentence Investigations and I think we
4 need to take them with a grain of salt.

5 The recollection of the State's witnesses are ele-
6 vated to the status of uncontroverted facts while the
7 Defendant's recollections are relegated to the pits of
8 fabrication. He's the only one who knows what went on
9 in this case. He's the only one that will ever know
10 what went on in this case. Yet, Probation and Parole,
11 for some unknown reason, not just in Dan Routly's case
12 but in every case, presumes whatever the Defendant says
13 is a total and absolute fabrication.

14 Then, you look at the PSI as to criminal history,
15 we'll call it. You've got half a page of a Pre-Sentence
16 Investigation dealing with juvenile arrest history.
17 This Court full well knows, because you sit as the
18 Juvenile Judge, as well as the Circuit Criminal Judge,
19 you have many, many, many juveniles come before you
20 and they are told that at no time will their juvenile
21 record ever follow them into their adult life. It will
22 never be considered by a Court, and the absolute contrar
23 of that is true. We all know it. Why the Courts, the
24 Prosecutors and Probation and Parole mislead juveniles
25 into believing it will never be considered when the

1 contrary is obviously true, I will never know, and it
2 certainly undermines the juvenile's faith in the system
3 but look -- look at that section of the juvenile histor
4 and look not at the quantity of entries there but look
5 at the quality of the entries, if you want to look at
6 it at all, and it's in there. I assume that the Courts
7 want to consider that. It takes a half a page to expla
8 carrying a concealed knife in high school and being a
9 runaway. That's all that's in there, but it takes elev
10 different entries. It looks like it's a continuing
11 course of criminal conduct. Nothing could be further
12 from the truth. The State took Dan Routly as a child
13 from his parents' home and now, somehow, Probation and
14 Parole wants us to use that in aggravation at his sen-
15 tencing. Now, the State took him from his family; now,
16 the State wants to take his life, and the reason for
17 taking his life is the State took him from his family
18 because he carried a knife when he was a juvenile in his
19 school.

20 The adult criminal record is likewise what I must
21 presume to be intentionally inflated. If Probation and
22 Parole were not so prosecution oriented, they would omit
23 mere arrests and accusations, which the law clearly says
24 you are not to consider anyway. Probation and Parole is
25 presumed to know that. Yet, they include things that

1 are not-prossed, dismissed and he's released from. For
2 whatever reason it's in there, I think we all know the
3 intent of including it in there. See the adult record
4 for whatever it is: An attempted B and E, went into a
5 high school and did criminal mischief when he was nine-
6 teen years old. That's not to say that that's not B and
7 E. Of course that's B and E. We have those in Juvenile
8 Court around here all the time, but take it for what it
9 was. It's not a burglary; it's not an armed thing.
10 There's no violence to it. It's -- and he got an
11 appropriate -- more than a severe sentence, two and a
12 half to five years. He also has an escape. Now, these
13 are the two convictions. He walked away from a minimum
14 security situation after his wife is alleged to have
15 attempted suicide. He was gone for two months, the PSI
16 says, an escapee from the Michigan State Prison. They
17 couldn't find him, but he was living with his wife for
18 that two months. Now, how hard did they look, if we're
19 to believe the facts contained in the PSI. Not being a
20 law enforcement officer or a detective, maybe I'm not
21 qualified to make this statement but if I were looking
22 for an escapee I just might drop by his wife's house
23 prior to the passage of two months, but that's what it is
24 That's also a non-violent-type situation, as you know
25 not only from the PSI but from the testimony of the

1 Parole Officer that we had during the penalty phase.

2 Now, going on to Mr. Routly's social history as
3 reflected in the PSI, and note these things: The
4 Defendant's father reportedly died July of 1976.
5 Probation and Parole doesn't see fit to confirm or deny
6 that, apparently. Either Dan Routly's father died or
7 the reports of his death are greatly exaggerated, which
8 you would think Probation and Parole would take the time
9 to find out rather than to impute some untruthfulness to
10 Dan Routly about the existence or non-existence of his
11 father. The Defendant claims his mother is a nurse.
12 Well, you might think that Probation and Parole would
13 want to talk to this man's mother who has known him for
14 twenty-five years, see what she has to say, and while
15 doing that ask her, are you a nurse, but they don't
16 confirm that. He claims he has four brothers and three
17 sisters. Why don't they find out if he's got brothers
18 and sisters? Why don't they ask his brothers and sisters
19 about this man? That's what you need to know to give
20 an appropriate sentence. Defendant claims he was married
21 and has a child. Is it too much to ask his ex-wife and
22 his son what they think about this man? Those are the
23 things you need to know to do an appropriate sentence,
24 not ask John Pauls at the Jail, who has known him for
25 six months, what should be done to him.

1 Probation and Parole says his employment is unstable
2 because he worked for Phillip Morris in the junk business
3 in Ocala for two months -- or three months. That's all
4 he was here. Mr. Morris is no longer in this business,
5 nor is Mr. Gibson, the two employers that were talked
6 about at trial. Now, if his employment is unstable,
7 their business was likewise unstable. When could he
8 have established employment stability? He couldn't have
9 and I ask you, in looking at the factual recommendation
10 of the Court officials, to consider the recommendation
11 of Gordon Oldham and the atmosphere in which it was
12 made. The time that statement was made Mr. Oldham was
13 facing re-election and opposition in that election, not
14 to say that that would have influenced this statement
15 but just consider that statement and the atmosphere in
16 which it was given, and note that he is so concerned
17 that he's not here today. Yet, had sentencing taken
18 place last Monday, I have the sneaking suspicion he
19 might have been.

20 MR. PITTS: I object, Your Honor. That has nothing
21 to do with the sentencing matter and I ask that it be
22 stricken from the record.

23 THE COURT: Overrule the objection.

24 MR. FOX: Now, the Confidential portion of the PSI
25 was also presented in this case because of the serious

1 nature. I'm depressed to see that this section of the
2 PSI is even more ludicrous than the factual section.
3 Paul Carr states in the Confidential section some very
4 interesting matters. He could've saved us the expense
5 and effort associated with this trial. The Court, the
6 Jury, the Prosecutor and the Defense lawyer need not
7 have agonized through this trial because Paul Carr knows
8 beyond a doubt that Dan Routly is guilty. If he had
9 only told us that before we went to trial, we could've
10 just brought him in and got this all over and done with.
11 He makes that statement not having heard one shred of
12 evidence. So, what good are these PSIs? Do they really
13 do what we say they do? Absolutely not.

14 There's an anonymous trustee that we know about
15 in the Jail who we presume to be Charlie Jonns, by the
16 way, and the Court may or may not be familiar with him
17 but, in any event, it's purported that he heard Dan
18 Routly confess to this murder and, therefore, the
19 aggravation. Now, the Probation and Parole wants to say
20 that because he did it he should get a death sentence,
21 implying that they weren't so sure life would be adequate
22 which, if it was not so serious, would be absolutely
23 hilarious. Let's assume for the sake of argument that
24 he did confess this to a trustee at the Jail. We heard
25 a confession before the Jury. The Jury found him guilty

1 said, yes, Dan Routly did First Degree Murder. Is it
2 aggravating to say that he explained it to someone,
3 which we say is total and absolute fabrication and if
4 they had somebody like that they'd have that trustee
5 right here giving testimony, but they don't.

6 Now, referring to the personal statements that were
7 gotten by Probation and Parole. This is the -- they
8 obtained them, I feel, from the most -- the statements
9 are most outrageous. They obtained them from the most
10 biased, unreliable sources of sentencing recommendations
11 imaginable, and I feel it's an insult to the interest
12 of justice and fair play to ask police officers and
13 jailers for sentencing recommendations about a man they
14 have known only in the confines of the Jail and only for
15 a period of six months. They talked to Phillip Morris
16 who has known the Defendant two months out of twenty-five
17 years. You will recall from the evidence that Phil
18 Morris and Dan Routly had a fight over a woman. Yet,
19 Phil Morris knows the Defendant is very dangerous and
20 should not be let back out. In my mind, Phil Morris
21 is much more dangerous to make such a sweeping generali-
22 zation without any adequate basis -- to say he's known
23 a man for two months of his entire life and he feels
24 qualified to recommend what sentence this Court should
25 impose. Bob Gibson, likewise. He hasn't had sufficient

1 basis to know either the Defendant or the facts of the
 2 case. These people were not witnesses to any murder.
 3 They've heard about it somewhere. This man worked for
 4 them, at best, for a period of two or three months.
 5 Yet, they feel qualified to make life and death
 6 recommendations. Charlie Brown, a Marion County Deputy
 7 Sheriff who is the original investigating officer,
 8 naturally, my feeling is that in that position he has
 9 some bias, just by the nature of his employment. His
 10 recommendation is not to let the Defendant out of
 11 confinement, and I would suggest to you that in all my
 12 remarks as to sentencing it's not that I'm talking about
 13 granting Dan Routly probation. The only choice you have
 14 is, if you impose the sentence recommended by the Jury,
 15 is twenty-five calendar years in the State Prison, which
 16 is a very serious sentence, we all know, and we
 17 should not lose sight of that when we're discussing the
 18 sentence in here. Neither would seem to be lenient.
 19 Then, we have comments from John Logue, the Classifica-
 20 tion Officer at the Jail. His statements are to the
 21 effect that he had no problem with Mr. Routly until
 22 after the conviction but now Mr. Routly is bitter and
 23 a problem at the Jail and, therefore, he recommends death.
 24 Now, the logic of that, if that be logic, shows us where
 25 our system has miserably failed. Mr. Logue, the

1 Classifications Officer, is saying a person incarcerated
2 who is bitter, the only way to resolve that problem is
3 to execute them. Well, we ought to execute the whole
4 bunch, then. We ought to be saving the taxpayers some
5 money, and everybody who is bitter and a problem in
6 custody, which I'm sure most people are, ought then,
7 according to John Logue, be executed because they are a
8 problem at the Jail. They're bitter. Fred LaTorre, an
9 officer who I have no idea why his remarks are in here,
10 investigated what Probation and Parole calls a suicide
11 attempt. LaTorre indicates that it was -- it wasn't
12 really a suicide attempt; it was just an escape attempt.
13 Mr. LaTorre must be experienced not only as a police
14 officer but as a psychiatrist, psychologist and medical
15 doctor. He's in no position to be making those kind of
16 remarks and, regardless of his opinion, that coincident
17 has nothing whatsoever to do with sentencing. Lieutenant
18 Pauls, also the jailer, keep in mind when accepting his
19 remarks, that Lieutenant Pauls is a defendant in a
20 civil rights suit filed by Dan Edward Routly; so he has
21 an interest in the outcome of the case. He is also,
22 apparently, an amateur psychiatrist or psychologist.
23 He indicates that Dan Routly has the Charles Manson
24 syndrome, whatever that might be, and he implies that
25 because Mr. Routly is an escape risk you must execute him.

1 an interesting remark coming from a man who is in charge
2 of our jail down here. They can't keep him locked up,
3 apparently; so the only way to stop an escape risk is to
4 execute them. I think we need new jailers; may need a
5 new jail. The people who work in the system don't have
6 faith in their own prison walls.

7 The question that keeps coming to my mind in review
8 the PSI is why doesn't Probation and Parole ask somebody
9 who knows more about the Defendant or knows more about
10 the case for a sentencing recommendation. Why not ask
11 somebody other than police officers, jailers and
12 prosecutors? Ask the Clerk of the Court who sat through
13 the trial. Ask the Court Reporter who sat through the
14 trial. They know more about the case than anybody
15 referred to by Probation and Parole with, perhaps, the
16 exception of Charlie Brown, and the Prosecutor. Why
17 didn't Probation and Parole get comments from the
18 Defendant's family, the Defendant's ex-wife? How about
19 Colleen O'Brien who was granted immunity who testified
20 against this man, who lived with this man, who she says
21 has this man's child. She was right here. She convicted
22 this man; yet, they don't even bother to ask her what
23 she thinks is an appropriate sentence. They didn't even
24 talk to the victim's family. Now, Mr. Fites might say,
25 had they talked to the victim's family I'd be complainin

1 about that, which I would. Let there be no mistake
2 about it, but why not ask them? They've suffered throu
3 this incident. Give them a call to see what they say.
4 They're going to have to live with this case forever,
5 no matter what the sentence is. Surely, they should ha
6 some input, and if you must have comments from jailers
7 or law enforcement officers, why not get them from
8 Michigan officers where this man lived all his life,
9 where they know him personally, where he served four
10 years in the Michigan State Prison. Ask them what they
11 think, not John Pauls who has been down here six months
12 and finds him to be an escape risk. The PSI clearly
13 demonstrates that Probation and Parole is nothing more
14 than an extension of the Prosecutor's Office. That's
15 obvious from the source of the information, as well as
16 the matter on which they present their information, and
17 if we call it anything other than that we're just being
18 oblivious to the obvious facts. I'd just ask the Court
19 to receive the PSI the same way my comments or the
20 comments of the Prosecutor. Knowing that we are on
21 different sides of the fence, we naturally perceive
22 these things somewhat differently. Do not view it as
23 an unbiased recommendation because it isn't.

24 Let the record be clear that I personally oppose
25 the death penalty in all cases, not that that's here or

1 there, but how an advanced society such as ours ca
2 use State sanctioned killing of human beings and
3 criminal justice in the same theory has got to be the
4 ultimate in hypocrisy. When you say you're going to
5 dispense justice by committing a killing and ending the
6 life of a human being, you are necessarily talking
7 out of both sides of your mouth, that execution is the
8 answer in any case clearly demonstrates how society in
9 general, and specifically the criminal justice system,
10 has miserably failed, and you who support the death
11 penalty must be saying that execution of certain human
12 beings is good for society. Now, that was an idea of --
13 brought forth by Nazi Germany and is present today in
14 Iran, that in certain circumstances society will say
15 there are groups of people who the State has the authori
16 to end their life and by entering a death sentence in
17 this case, or any other case, we are sanctioning that
18 premise from which Nazi Germany arises, or that type of
19 philosophy, and it's nothing less -- I'm not crying wolf
20 it's got to be. That's the logical progression from
21 the State sanctioning death of any individual. Is it a
22 deterrent? It's a deterrent to the man you execute,
23 obviously. He doesn't do it again, but every new murder
24 that has happened is the best evidence that it is not
25 a deterrent. The State of Florida burned John Spenklin

1 until he smelled and the murder rate has done nothing to
2 go up. So are those people deterred? Hardly. Is it
3 punishment? It's punishment, but you're not punishing
4 the Defendant. A death sentence does not punish the
5 Defendant. It punishes everybody else connected with
6 the case. A sentence of death is no punishment to a
7 Defendant because nobody is immune to death. We're all
8 sentenced to death the moment we first breathe life.
9 We're all going to die. I don't care if you're a Supreme
10 Court Justice or anybody else, you're all going to die.
11 We're all going to die. The only people you punish by
12 sentencing death are those who know and love this Defen-
13 dant. You would succeed only in punishing those who have
14 done nothing to violate society's rules. You also in-
15 directly punish the victim's friends and family because
16 they become part of an extended tragedy. Nothing you do
17 will return the life of the victim, the so-called victim
18 in this offense, but by sentencing Dan Houtly to death
19 you've compounded the problem. Not only did the friends
20 and family of the victim lose their friend or family
21 member but, likewise, it carried on and resulted in the
22 death of another human being which they will have to live
23 with, you will have to live with, I will have to live
24 with and the Jury will have to live with.

25 The Romans in times of Ceaser abandoned the death

1 penalty because it was outdated.

2 Robes Piere in 1791 observed that rather than a
3 deterrent it diminished man's respect for the law.
4 Other less advanced quote unquote societies have
5 apparently found successful alternatives. We're oblige
6 to find ours, though it's not easier and cheaper to do
7 that.

8 There are presented in an article, Death by Decree
9 by Colin Turnbull, an anthropologist, two irrefutable
10 arguments against the death penalty. They are, one,
11 mistakes; innocent people are executed. Now, if anybody
12 in the Court system does not believe that to be true,
13 they do not understand the system because it is neces-
14 sarily true in our admittedly imperfect system. We all
15 know how cases are resolved, even by the Jury, but we
16 never know if in fact that man really committed the
17 crime. This is the best system we've got, but it is
18 admittedly imperfect, and anyone who understands this
19 system of criminal justice is not so naive as to say
20 that an innocent man will never be executed or has neve
21 been executed. Secondly, who actually dies is a matter
22 of extremely bad luck. Statistics show that it
23 discriminates against poor males, first of all, and,
24 second of all, in our system there are so many variable
25 it's almost up to women caprice as to who actually dies

1 depending on the specific Jury you have, the specific
2 Judge you have, the specific lawyers involved, the
3 Appellate Court, the Governor at the time, the Executive
4 Clemency Board; you never know, you never know how and
5 when a sentence will be carried out. There are just
6 simply too many variables. This article also points
7 out who's responsible for this medieval abomination
8 that we live with, and it's not the lawyers who are
9 to blame, still less the prison officials who have to
10 implement the law. It's those who make the law, and
11 in a democracy that means the general public. The
12 responsibility lies with the public and either the
13 people are apathetic or else they act blindly out of
14 an ignorance of the facts.

15 The death penalty is admitted, I think, by all
16 who care to think about it to be barbaric, expensive
17 and detrimental to the mental and physical health of all
18 people involved. It does not contribute to the well-
19 being of society in general, which should be its only
20 justification. It persists merely to provide the
21 public with an illusion that something is being done.

22 We had a big show. We executed John Spenkulink.
23 We had it on radio, explained in fine detail, "Yeah,
24 now smoke is coming up around his leg; it smells like
25 crazy in here. Oh, yeah, he's dead; I'm not sure.

1 Let's hit him again. Let's get it on the radio", and
2 what good did it do. It's a circus. Did it deter one
3 murder? I hardly think so. Until we face the harsh
4 facts of what happens on death row, in the execution
5 room and in the office and homes of prison officials,
6 lawyers and Judges, we are not entitled to have an
7 opinion on the death penalty, let alone to call it
8 reasonable and just. The public in general, we must
9 assume, support the death penalty because it is our law.
10 Unfortunately, they don't bother to come to Court.
11 They don't bother to see what influence it has on the
12 Judges, the lawyers, the Defendants, the victims, the
13 Jurors; they don't participate in any of that -- the
14 family members of everyone involved. They just blindly
15 say that perhaps it's good.

16 But now that I've told you what my feelings are,
17 what you will accept or reject, I think I must face the
18 fact that the death penalty does exist and address
19 myself to that, but I point out that neither the facts
20 nor the law applicable to this case allow imposition of
21 the death penalty. The Jury has recommended life,
22 and those are the same people that found him guilty.
23 They are the people who heard the facts of this case.
24 If you disagree with their -- that their sentence
25 recommendation is inappropriate, then you also cast some

1 doubt on your agreement with their finding of innocence
2 or guilt, which is an obvious contradiction.

3 When a Jury has recommended life, the Florida
4 Supreme Court has addressed this question many times
5 as to the ultimate sentence to be imposed, and I'm
6 quoting, now, the Florida Supreme Court in saying: In
7 order to sustain a sentence of death following a Jury
8 recommendation of life, the facts suggesting a sentence
9 of death should be so clear and convincing that virtual
10 no reasonable person could differ; and I cite to the
11 Court Clifford Williams versus State, which is Case
12 Number 50,666, decided by the Florida Supreme Court
13 June 12th, 1980. There was no more complete cite on
14 that at the time. I also cite to the Court Provencens

15 versus State, 355 Southern Second 111, Florida Suprem
16 Court 1978; also McCaskill versus State, 344 Southern
17 Second 1276, Florida Supreme Court 1977; Thompson versus
18 State, 328 Southern Second 1, Florida Supreme Court
19 1976; Tedder versus State, 322 Southern Second 908,
20 Florida Supreme Court 1975.

21 In all of those cases the Jury had recommended
22 life. The Judge entered a sentence of death. The
23 Florida Supreme Court vacated that death sentence and
24 remanded them to the trial court for imposition of a
25 life sentence or did indeed impose a life sentence

1 themselves.

2 A death sentence will be vacated in the absence
3 of any compelling reason for rejecting the Jury recom-
4 mendation. For that proposition I cite Burch v. State,
5 343 Southern Second 831, Florida 1977 -- Supreme Court
6 case.

7 Now, you had evidence at the sentencing phase
8 about the Defendant's prior criminal activity, and I
9 must point out to the Court at this time that the prior
10 history of criminal activity is an improper, non-statutory
11 aggravating circumstance not to be considered by
12 the Judge or the Jury. I cite Mikenas versus State,
13 367 Southern Second 606, Florida Supreme Court 1979.
14 Now, the Jury heard that business about prior record.
15 In spite of that, they recommended life. Now, I'm
16 suggesting to this Court, you should not concern your-
17 self with that as an aggravating circumstance because
18 it is an improper category and I would object to you
19 entertaining it.

20 Another thing that should be pointed out in
21 reference to aggravating circumstances, the Florida
22 Supreme Court has said do not double count aggravating
23 circumstances of, for example -- and which applies to
24 this case, attempted robbery and pecuniary gain. Well,
25 the Florida Supreme Court recognized that in a robbery

1 pecuniary gain is usually involved. So that's not to
2 be counted as two aggravating circumstances but only as
3 one, and I cite to the Court for that proposition Ford
4 versus State, 374 Southern Second 496, a 1979 Florida
5 Supreme Court case. That takes on added significance
6 in this case, I think, where the Jury was instructed
7 that if this murder took place during a robbery or a
8 kidnapping, then you may find it to be First Degree
9 Murder. So the Jury may very well have made this a
10 more serious offense because it was in the course of a
11 robbery. Then to say, well, that's also an aggravating
12 circumstance is to double up, yet, again.

13 The aggravating circumstances listed in the statute
14 are exclusive and no other matters are to be considered.
15 I cite Miller versus State, 373 Southern Second 882,
16 Florida Supreme Court 1979. In anticipating, perhaps
17 unfairly, Mr. Pitos' remarks about what has happened
18 in the life of Dan Routly since his conviction, there
19 has been much news about that, much notariety, other
20 cases originating -- that's not to be considered by you
21 in arriving at a sentence in this case. It is not an
22 aggravating circumstance by statute; therefore, you are
23 not to consider it.

24 Whether the matter was heinous, atrocious and
25 cruel, of course, depends on the facts of the case, much

1 that you heard what I heard from the witness stand.
2 The case of Kampff versus State, 371 Southern Second
3 1007, Florida Supreme Court 1979. The Florida Supreme
4 Court said where the Defendant shot the victim in the
5 head, that is not an especially heinous, atrocious
6 and cruel murder any more than all murders are atrocious
7 so that was not an aggravating circumstance.

8 Also, intent to avoid arrest, which is an aggrava-
9 ting circumstance, is not present where the victim is not
10 a police officer unless it's clearly shown the only
11 motive for the murder was the elimination of a witness.
12 In every murder, naturally, you could say it was done
13 to avoid an arrest because a dead person does not turn
14 you into the police. For the proposition that it's --
15 it's not to avoid an arrest, that's Menendez versus
16 State, 368 Southern Second 1278, Florida Supreme Court
17 1979.

18 In Thompson versus State, decided July 3rd, 1980,
19 by the Florida Supreme Court, Case Number 55,697, the
20 Court there approved a finding that the age of twenty-
21 six is mitigation as well as a lack of prior criminal
22 history, pointing out to you at this time the Defendant
23 is twenty-five years old.

24 I should also point out to you that the sentence
25 or immunity of an accomplice should be considered by the

1 trial court in determining an appropriate sentence.
2 For that I'll cite Smith versus State, 365 Southern
3 Second 704, 1978; Salvatore versus State, 366 Southern
4 Second 745. The State's chief witness was there,
5 helped drag the body in the bushes, participated in
6 the thing right from the very beginning, at least by
7 her presence. She was granted immunity in exchange for
8 her testimony; so, therefore, she's not here trying to
9 convince you she should only get life on a second degree
10 or only life on a first degree. She just walked right
11 out the door, and that's a factor that you should
12 consider in arriving at an appropriate sentence.

13 Lastly, I'd like to cite to the Court Brown versus
14 State, 367 Southern Second 616, Florida Supreme Court
15 1979. The Jury recommended life. The Judge recommended
16 death. The Supreme Court remanded it for a life sen-
17 tence, and I cite this for the facts of the case. There
18 the Defendant was sixteen years old, which is obviously
19 younger than this Defendant, but he, with co-defendants,
20 forced an elderly man into the trunk of a car. They
21 drove him to a lake, forced the man into the lake, took
22 his money. The Defendant struck the elderly man with
23 fists and boards. Then, they returned to the car and
24 took turns shooting the man with a gun. They left him
25 for dead. As they were driving away, the elderly

1 gentleman tried to crawl out of the lake. They return
2 to the lake, held his head under the water until he
3 died from drowning, and the Florida Supreme Court said
4 that is a life sentence -- where the Jury recommended
5 life, and surely that does not compare to the facts of
6 the case you have before you here today. To override
7 the advisory sentence of the Jury, you must in effect
8 judicially determine the Jury to be unreasonable people
9 because that's the standard, and if you are to override
10 them it's because reasonable men could not differ, and
11 if you find that that's the case here, that the Jury
12 was unreasonable in the recommendation of life, how
13 then can you let your conscious accept the verdict.

14 I don't have anything further. Thank you.

15 THE COURT: Does the Defendant, Mr. Dan Edward
16 Routly, have any comments in his own behalf?

17 THE DEFENDANT: No, sir.

18 THE COURT: Are there any comments or recommendati
19 by the State?

20 MR. FITOS: Your Honor, the State of Florida would
21 indicate in response to Mr. Fox' presentation, and it's
22 certainly obvious that Mr. Fox had led us away from
23 the facts of the case, that he has led us away from
24 the fact that Anthony Bockini was murdered by this man
25 who stands before us. Rather, he goes and he attacks

1 the Pre-Sentence Investigation, spends twenty minutes
2 on that attack, and he talks about the fabrication --
3 that the allegation that Mr. Routly is not telling the
4 truth, and I would bring the Court's mind back to the
5 trial itself, and the Jury found, indeed, that this man
6 lied on the stand. So are we to believe him now?

7 Mr. Fox would indicate that somehow this PSI is
8 the most important thing that was prepared improperly
9 but he doesn't touch upon the facts of the case or
10 the murder of the other human being. No; he chooses to
11 disregard that and draw the Court's attention to some-
12 thing else. He draws to the attention that perhaps
13 one of the trial attorneys that tried the case is not
14 here. That somehow is of great importance in the Court
15 deciding the sentence in this matter, or the matter
16 of whether or not certain cases are included on the
17 record or not but, Your Honor, I submit to this Court
18 again that it's Defense Counsel attempting to muddy the
19 water, if you will, but let's look at what the statute
20 directs us to do and let's look at his comments on the
21 death sentence.

22 Your Honor, the law of the State of Florida is that
23 we do have the death penalty and whether I like it or
24 you like it or Mr. Al Lee likes it, who is sitting here,
25 that doesn't matter, Your Honor. It is the law of the

1 State of Florida. I am to uphold the laws. Mr. Fox
2 as an officer of the Court is to uphold the laws and
3 Your Honor being an elected official of this County
4 and the State, you also are sworn to uphold the laws
5 of the State of Florida, whether you personally like
6 the death penalty or not. The people have spoken to
7 the Legislature and the death penalty is the law in the
8 State of Florida, and like myself you also are sworn to
9 uphold that law, Your Honor. So I submit that all of
10 the philosophical presentations, the comparisons to
11 Nazi Germany, if you will, by Mr. Fox have no place in
12 the sentencing, for you also are to uphold the law.

13 Let's look at what the statute says, Your Honor,
14 for that is what we are here to consider. We are not
15 here to consider the words of Mr. Fox who brings up
16 Mr. Routly's wife and child who, by the way, he left
17 with another woman and he rode around Florida for some
18 time -- to bring up the emotion. No, Your Honor; we
19 look at what the statute requires, and under those
20 aggravating circumstances the Defendant was engaged in
21 a robbery when he committed this murder. What did he do
22 Your Honor, you sat there as I did, that he entered
23 this man's house, this elderly gentleman, a volunteer
24 for the Marion County Hospital, he entered his house and
25 when he came home he pulled that weapon, forced him into

1 the man's own bedroom, made him lie down on the bed,
2 took his money and, if that wasn't enough, he just
3 didn't leave him there, did he, Your Honor? No, sir.
4 What did he do? He took that weapon or that -- that he
5 had in his possession and he bound up that elderly
6 gentleman in his own home, Anthony Bockini, and he
7 carried him out to his own car and he threw him into
8 the trunk and he drove to an isolated field, and you
9 remember the facts as well as I, Your Honor, and
10 because he didn't like what he did by pulling out those
11 lights, he stopped the car, took Mr. Bockini out of
12 that vehicle, put him on the floor and he went ahead
13 and shot him, as Mr. Bockini, wide-eyed, looking up
14 at this man as he shot, and he shot. There's no doubt
15 about that, and as the aggravating circumstance indicat
16 it was in the commission of a robbery, an aggravating
17 circumstance that this Court must take into considera
18 tion pursuant to the laws of the State of Florida.
19 Likewise, Your Honor, the capital felony was committed
20 for pecuniary gain. Not only did he commit the robbery
21 but he also took the man's car. He drove it up to
22 Louisiana; pecuniary gain, two aggravating circumstances:
23 What more could be heinous or atrocious than the
24 sanctity of a man's dwelling, coming home after being
25 a volunteer at the Marion County Hospital, coming home

1 to what, the man who could've walked out that back door
2 but chose not to because he knew what he was going to do
3 The sanctity of that dwelling meant nothing to him,
4 nothing at all, just like the breaking and entering
5 and his prior conviction mean nothing at all to him
6 whatsoever, just like the people incarcerating him in
7 the Michigan State Prison meant nothing at all to him,
8 just like the life of Anthony Bockini meant nothing to
9 him at all. He chose not to leave that dwelling of
10 Mr. Bockini's when he could've, but he came back and
11 robbed him and he tied him up and he gagged him with
12 his own bandana and he took him out to the car and he
13 knew what he was going to do.

14 Each case must be decided on its own facts, Your
15 Honor. That is indeed heinous; that is indeed atrocious.

16 And what about the mitigating? We have three
17 aggravating, Your Honor. Mr. Fox will say, take the age
18 of the Defendant into consideration. Well, let's look
19 at the whole picture of this Defendant. We have
20 individuals who are twenty-five and act nineteen. We
21 have individuals who are twenty-five and act sixteen,
22 and we have individuals who have led a hard life who
23 are twenty-five and from their experience and cunning
24 and knowledge could indeed be forty. This is the kind
25 of man that we have before Your Honor, not chronological

1 years but the man, twenty-five going on forty. That's
2 the only mitigating circumstance that this man has in
3 his favor. Certainly, Your Honor, after reviewing those
4 facts, they do not outweigh the aggravating.

5 Mr. Fox would attack all the individuals that made
6 statements, I suppose, except for his own and would
7 indicate, my goodness, we didn't do a thorough job and
8 we shouldn't even consider these people but, Your Honor
9 I would submit it is like a puzzle, that each piece
10 is important, to look at the man, each piece, and after
11 that conviction each piece is important. What else is
12 important? What did this man do after conviction? I
13 submit, Your Honor, the Court can take into consideration
14 that he attempted to smuggle a weapon into that Jail
15 where he was incarcerated -- to do what with? To do
16 what with?

17 Your Honor, the people of the State of Florida whom
18 I represent by and through the Legislature who have
19 made the death penalty the law in the State of Florida,
20 contrary to any personal beliefs or philosophy by Mr.
21 Fox or anyone else, and pursuant to the aggravating
22 versus the mitigating, I would ask that the death penalty
23 be imposed on this Defendant. There is no alternative,
24 Your Honor, that this man be removed from society for
25 that heinous and atrocious crime of murder of Anthony

1 Bockini, death by shooting, and as to the justice and
2 fair play requested by Mr. Fox, I would ask Your Honor
3 who spoke for Anthony Bockini that evening when this man
4 shot him to death. No one. Death, Your Honor. Thank
5 you.

6 THE COURT: The Court -- are there any other matter
7 on behalf of the Defendant at this time?

8 MR. FOX: Your Honor, just -- not to be any more
9 long-winded than I've already been, but just to suggest
10 that the evidence presented at trial should be considered
11 by you and in the penalty phase before the Jury. My
12 position is that the mitigating factors present are the
13 Defendant's age, lack of significant criminal history
14 and also the psychiatric reports which were received
15 at that time.

16 THE COURT: All right. This concludes the sen-
17 tencing hearing. The Court will order a transcript of
18 this hearing and after a review of the transcript of
19 the hearing and all the matters that are to be considered
20 in this case, the Defendant will be notified when to
21 return to Court for the imposition of sentence in this
22 case. Thank you; that will be all at this time. The
23 Defendant is remanded to custody.

24 MR. FOX: Thank you, Your Honor.

25 (Thereupon the proceedings ended).

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WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL this 12th day of September, 1980, at Ocala, Marion County, Florida.

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JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN
AND FOR MARION COUNTY

CRIMINAL ACTION.

CASE NO. 79-1270

STATE OF FLORIDA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

DAN EDWARD ROUTLY,

Defendant.

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PROCEEDINGS:

Sentencing

BEFORE:

The Honorable Carvin D. Angel
Circuit Judge
Fifth Judicial Circuit of Florida
Ocala, Florida 32670

PLACE:

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Ocala, Florida 32670

DATE AND TIME:

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P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 BY THE COURT: On the Sentencing Docket, Dan
3 Edward Routly.

4 (Thereupon, the Defendant Dan Edward Routly
5 approached, accompanied by his attorney, Mr. Fox).

6 BY THE COURT: Before the Court at this time for
7 sentencing is Dan Edward Routly. This is his Counsel,
8 Mr. Ronald Fox. I would ask Counsel at this time if
9 there is any cause why the Court should not impose
10 sentence.

11 BY MR. FOX: Your Honor, as to legal cause, there'
12 one matter that I would like to recite for the purposes
13 of the record as to a legal prohibition to sentencing
14 going forward at this time. The legal objection to
15 sentencing proceeding at this time will be based on the
16 case of Dan Edward Routly, Plaintiff, versus Larry
17 Jerald, et al., Defendant, Case Number 80-91, a Circuit
18 -- or a civil case, rather, presently pending in the
19 United States District Court for the Middle District of
20 Florida, Ocala Division. Without reciting -- there has
21 been an order entered in that case, and I would like
22 simply to recite some of the pertinent portions of that
23 order into the record at this time. It was signed by
24 The Honorable Charles Scott, this order, on the 5th day
25 of November. From the order, it's not clear -- it was

1 entered in November, '80. I'm not certain of the date.
2 Essentially, it says that -- and I'm quoting now from
3 the order: Although the Plaintiff filed his Complaint
4 under 42 U.S. Code, Section 1983, the Plaintiff is
5 seeking relief in the nature of habeas corpus.
6 Consequently, on July 8th, 1980, this Court stayed the
7 Plaintiff's case pending his exhaustion of State
8 remedies via a Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus. In
9 that order, the Plaintiff was directed to advise the
10 Court when he had exhausted his State remedies and to
11 provide the Court at that time with substantiation of
12 said exhaustion. Plaintiff has complied with the
13 Court's order by filing a decision from the Fifth
14 District Court of Appeals of the State of Florida
15 denying Plaintiff's Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus.
16 As the Plaintiff has now exhausted his State remedies,
17 he can bring this habeas corpus action in Federal Court
18 citing Preiser versus Rodriguez, 411 U.S. 475, 1973.
19 Consequently, the Clerk of the Court will be directed
20 to transfer this case to the Habeas Corpus Docket.
21 Issued at Jacksonville, Florida, this 5th day of
22 November, 1980, The Honorable Charles R. Scott, United
23 States District Judge.

24 And the other matter to cite in that particular
25 regard would be Florida Statute 79.12, which refers --

1 which says: When in any criminal prosecution a Writ
2 of Habeas Corpus is applied for by any person charged
3 with any criminal offense and the accused has been
4 remanded to the custody of the Court to which such
5 application is made, and my argument -- that would not
6 be the Federal Court -- a supersedeas of that order
7 made on appeal being taken to an appellate court shall
8 not prevent the State from proceeding with the
9 prosecution of the accused pending the decision of the
10 appellate court on the habeas corpus, but the State may
11 prosecute the accused as if the appeal had not been
12 taken in habeas corpus. If the accused is convicted of
13 the charge, the Court shall withhold imposition of
14 sentence and final judgment until the appellate court
15 has determined the issues presented in the habeas
16 corpus. Now, the State Court has determined the issues
17 in the habeas corpus. They have -- and Mr. Routly has
18 necessarily had them determine that to exhaust the
19 State remedies, but the habeas corpus is now pending in
20 the Federal Court pursuant to Judge Scott's order, and
21 I would suggest to the Court that for those reasons
22 that's a legal prohibition to sentencing going forward.
23 and I don't have anything else to add other than that.

24 On the legal prohibition to the sentence, I would
25 however, raise at this time an objection to a sentence

1 other than life in prison at this juncture in that this
2 trial was concluded July 18th. We were here till the
3 late hours of the night arguing to the Jury so we could
4 get an advisory reading from them. It's now late
5 November and we're here awaiting sentencing, and I'm
6 suggesting to the Court that based on that delay in
7 time that Mr. Routly has been awaiting sentencing in
8 the Marion County Jail, that to impose any sentence,
9 let me say, would be cruel and unusual punishment. To
10 impose any sentence other than life would be cruel and
11 unusual punishment, based on the facts -- the long
12 delay which Mr. Routly has had to face in the Marion
13 County Jail.

14 The only other matters I have to say in reference
15 to sentencing are not any legal prohibition to going
16 ahead with sentencing but, rather, the legal guidelines
17 to what a -- my understanding of the law is -- a legal
18 sentence in this case. We've previously cited to the
19 Court many cases wherein the Jury recommended life and
20 the Court imposed death. The Supreme Court reversed,
21 or vacated the death penalty, at least, and imposed a
22 sentence of life. At one prior proceeding in this
23 case, the Court indicated that I had not provided the
24 Court with cases wherein the Jury had recommended life.
25 The Judge had imposed death and the Supreme Court had

1 upheld the imposition of death. Since that time I have
2 found certain cases where that is the case and I am
3 equally as certain that the Court has found those cases
4 with or without the assistance of the State Attorney.

5 Recently, James Leroy Pippin's death penalty was
6 vacated by the Florida Supreme Court. He was convicted
7 of the first degree murder of his parents over a \$64
8 credit card bill, some type of discussion that he had
9 planned this murder and a suggestion that it was for
10 the \$64 credit card bill. Anyway, he fired -- Mr.
11 Pippin, the evidence showed, fired repeatedly at the
12 parents -- the back of their heads until his pistol was
13 empty. He then reloaded and emptied it again in the
14 back of his parents' heads. Now, the Supreme Court
15 said that didn't justify the imposition of the death
16 penalty; they vacated it. The significance of the
17 Pippin case to me, and perhaps to the Court as it
18 relates here, is that Justice Adkins and Boyd dissented
19 in the Pippin case, and Justice Adkins dissents
20 oftentimes when the death penalty is vacated, and in
21 his dissent he listed six cases wherein the Jury had
22 recommended life. The trial judge had overruled that
23 recommendation and imposed death, and that death
24 sentence was upheld by the Florida Supreme Court. So
25 there are cases wherein that happens, but if -- if the

1 Court has read certain of these cases, and I'm sure
2 that you have, you have found in those situations that
3 the justification for imposing the death in disregard
4 of the Jury's recommendation is that the crime or the
5 murder has been found to be heinous, atrocious and
6 cruel. One maybe striking example is Gardner versus
7 State, 313 Southern Second 675. This was a Citrus
8 County case; Judge Booth, who was a Circuit Judge --
9 still in our Circuit, he disregarded the Jury
10 recommendation of life. He imposed death, and the
11 Supreme Court with two dissents affirmed that
12 imposition. They found it was -- that murder was
13 especially heinous, atrocious and cruel, based on
14 medical testimony that the decedent's body bore at least
15 100 bruises, large patches of healthy hair had been
16 pulled from her head. There were tears inside her
17 vagina caused by a broom stick, bat, or a bottle, and
18 that the bone located in the pubic area had been broken
19 into small pieces by a blunt instrument.

20 I would never say there's a case where the death
21 penalty ought to be imposed. I am firmly committed that
22 it should never be imposed, but the facts of the
23 Gardner case certainly show what the Supreme Court
24 considers to be a heinous, atrocious and cruel murder,
25 and I'm certain that that would probably fit the

1 definition.

2 In the Routly case, the case that's before you
3 now, recall the medical testimony that death was caused
4 by a gunshot wound to the head, not to say that that's
5 a good way to die, just to say that that is not
6 heinous, atrocious and cruel, and in fact the Court has
7 held in situations where one gunshot wound to the head
8 is -- is not.

9 Just citing for the record the other cases where
10 the death penalty has been imposed in contravention of
11 the Jury recommendation is Sawyer versus State, 313
12 Southern Second 680. That's the Supreme Court of
13 Florida, 1975, and there I distinguish that Defendant
14 from Mr. Routly's case on this, that there was an armed
15 robbery but the Defendant had a prior record of
16 multiple robberies. In fact, the Court was aware that
17 he had 13 pending armed robberies against him at the
18 time. He had a two hundred dollar a day drug habit,
19 and that the -- during the course of the trial the
20 Defendant had communicated to the bailiffs that he
21 would take reprisals against persons conducting the
22 trial if he had been found guilty. Also in the Sawyer
23 case, the Appellant put on no evidence in mitigation,
24 which you will find in several of these cases where the
25 Court disregarded the Jury recommendation. The

1 Appellant put nothing on in mitigation, which we did in
2 the Routly case.

3 For the purposes of the record, I will also cite
4 to the Court Roy versus State, 353 Southern Second 826.
5 It's a murder that happened down in Dunedin, a double
6 murder rape where the Defendant is found to have raped
7 a 16-year old girl and killed her and her boyfriend.
8 There, the Jury recommended life; the Judge imposed
9 death. It was upheld. There they go through the
10 co-defendant sexually assaulting the 16-year old young
11 lady, both vaginally and anally, shooting her
12 boyfriend in the face in her presence and then
13 ultimately shooting her twice in the head. They said,
14 that we will uphold the death penalty. Of course, it
15 was in the commission of a rape, you must remember, and
16 the mitigating evidence there was almost non-existent.

17 In Barclay versus State, 343 Southern Second 1266
18 the Jury recommended life. The Judge imposed death.
19 That was upheld. There, the defendants were part of a
20 group that termed itself the Black Liberation Army
21 whose sole purpose was to indiscriminately kill white
22 people and start a revolutionary war, which they
23 proceeded to do in this case, and the death penalty was
24 imposed.

25 The other matter that I need to cite to the Court

1 is Douglas versus State, 328 Southern Second 18, a 1976
2 Supreme Court case. There we have Justice England
3 dissenting, but the -- there the Defendant took a
4 husband and wife into the woods, killed the husband,
5 raped the wife, had beaten the husband over the head
6 with the butt of the rifle until it shattered in the
7 presence of the wife, and ultimately ended up killing
8 him.

9 The last case I'll cite is Dobbert versus State,
10 328 Southern Second 433. There there's no mitigating
11 evidence presented. I think all that needs to be said
12 about the Dobbert case, perhaps it's more -- more
13 shocking than any of the cases previously cited. The
14 Defendant at the time of sentencing stood convicted of
15 the first degree murder of his nine-year old daughter,
16 the second degree murder of his seven-year old son, the
17 torture of his 11-year old son and the child abuse of
18 his five-year old daughter. In the -- the nine-year
19 old daughter he had killed, he had beat her in the head
20 until it was swollen. He had burned her hands. He had
21 poked his fingers in her eyes, beat her in the abdomen
22 until it was swollen as if she were pregnant, knocked
23 her against the wall when she fell, kicked her in the
24 lower part of the body, held her under water in both the
25 bathtub and toilet, kicked her against the table which

1 cut her head. Then he sewed up the wound with a
2 needle and thread, scarred her head and body by beating
3 her with belts and boards, and so on and so on and so
4 on, and it goes on: Made no effort to get her medical
5 help, kept her out of school so nobody would see the
6 bruises, kicked her in the stomach with shoes on, beat
7 her continuously for 45 minutes at a time, choked her
8 on the night she died, and when she stopped breathing
9 he placed her body in a plastic garbage bag and buried
10 her in an unmarked grave.

11 So it's not a situation where this Court -- or,
12 rather, where a court cannot disregard the Jury
13 recommendation and be upheld and impose a legal
14 sentence, but when that's going to happen, and I won't
15 say anything further, the principle of law is that the
16 evidence must be of such a nature that the Jury -- you
17 find that -- from the evidence that the Jury were
18 unreasonable people, that reasonable minds could not
19 differ as to the sentence, that the sentence should be
20 death, and in these cases that I've cited to the Court
21 I suppose reasonable minds could not differ because of
22 the facts of the case they were so heinous, atrocious
23 and cruel that they were upheld, but in the absence of
24 that, which we have here, the only legal sentence this
25 Court could impose would be a sentence of life, and I

1 know I don't have to remind the Court of this, but that
2 sentence carries with it a minimum mandatory of 25
3 calendar years in the State Prison, which in and of it
4 -- depending on your philosophical outlook, may be a
5 more serious penalty than death itself. I don't have
6 anything further, and I would ask the Court to inquire
7 of Mr. Routly if he'd like to say anything prior to
8 imposition of sentence.

9 BY THE COURT: Mr. Routly, do you have any
10 statements on your behalf before the imposition of
11 sentence?

12 BY THE DEFENDANT: No, sir.

13 BY THE COURT: Any response by the State?

14 BY MR. FITOS: Yes, Your Honor. In response to
15 the legal objections that there is a legal cause to not
16 dispose of the sentencing matter on this date, we'd
17 indicate that the Statute cited, we reflect, would
18 anticipate the filing of writs prior to a trial. If
19 Your Honor would interpret the particular Statute in the
20 way Mr. Fox requires you to interpret it, then each and
21 every defendant after having been found guilty, his
22 defense attorney would automatically file a writ which
23 would toll the sentencing. Obviously, it's not
24 happened. It's not what the Legislature had intended in
25 the Statute under the close reading of the wording. In

1 addition, there is no doubt that there is a pending
2 civil suit in this matter which may be interpreted
3 pursuant to that order as a writ. I would indicate
4 that this is a normal procedure in the appellate
5 proceeding and that there is no cause why this man
6 should not be sentenced at this time, and it would in
7 no way affect that particular writ. That's all I have
8 to address as to that particular point. We would ask
9 that the Court would proceed with the sentencing,
10 finding no legal cause to prevent that sentence.

11 As to the factual allegations as to the case law
12 and as to the Statute which this Court must consider
13 on this date, most specifically Florida Statute 921.141
14 which Your Honor knows is the controlling Statute in
15 the sentencing of capital cases, that under sub three
16 we would indicate to the Court that the wording of sub
17 three, the findings of a court -- the finding of death,
18 even though an advisory sentence has been rendered by
19 a jury, would indicate that the Court's obligation
20 under the law is to look at the facts of this case and
21 put them within the aggravating and mitigating
22 circumstances under that Statute. Those had been
23 presented at earlier sentencing hearings and the Court
24 is well familiar with those. I would ask the Court to
25 look at those aggravating circumstances and I feel tha

1 the applicable ones in this particular case are a, d,
2 f, g and h, and those being in reverse order, the
3 heinous, atrocious or cruel aspect, the capital felony
4 was committed for pecuniary gain, that the capital
5 felony was committed while the Defendant was engaged or
6 was an accomplice in the commission or attempt to
7 commit robbery, burglary and, in fact, did, and that
8 in addition, although the State does not charge him
9 with that, and that in addition the capital felony was
10 committed by a person under sentence of imprisonment,
11 this man standing before you having been on parole and
12 had absconded from that parole, the interpretation of
13 that matter having been indicated, that parole does not
14 release the man from the sentence but is giving him an
15 obligation to go back into society under the penalty of
16 should he flee or violate a law he is immediately
17 incarcerated again. He was on parole and he fled the
18 State of Michigan.

19 Based on those criteria, Your Honor, and weighing
20 those with the mitigating circumstances as the Court is
21 sworn to do, the only mitigation which could possibly
22 be argued is the age of the Defendant at the time of
23 the crime. However, even that, Your Honor, I could see
24 it if the man was 17 or 18 or had no prior crime --
25 criminal record, but this is not the case here. This

1 is not the case here.

2 Let's look at the Statute; let's look at the case
3 law that Mr. Fox would have the Court look at, and I
4 think the point that needs to be made here amidst all
5 this case law is the following, that each case must be
6 analyzed based upon the facts as the Court sees it,
7 and the guidance as Mr. Fox had indicated is the
8 Supreme Court has ruled both ways. There are different
9 interpretations, and what the Court has to do is not to
10 be concerned with whether it shall be overruled or not
11 overruled but simply look at the facts and apply the
12 Statute that is required to do, and I would submit,
13 Your Honor, if the Court in this matter looks at these
14 facts and takes the aggravating and the mitigating --
15 takes the aggravating and mitigating and is desirous
16 of upholding the law as foreseen in this Statute, then
17 there is no other decision but death, and we would ask
18 the Court not to shirk from its duty. Certainly, the
19 Prosecutor, the Defense Attorney, treat any capital
20 case very seriously, and I would understand the Court's
21 concern to sentencing anyone to the death penalty, but
22 we would ask on behalf of the people of the State of
23 Florida that the law be carried out, that this
24 individual, guilty under the aggravating circumstances
25 and not being absolved by the mitigating would be

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1 sentenced to that penalty of death for murdering --
2 there is no other nicer way to say it -- than murdering
3 Anthony Bockini, and we would talk about heinous,
4 atrocious and cruel. What could be more heinous,
5 atrocious and cruel than an elderly gentleman in his
6 retired years, having come down as -- having a
7 productive life and working hard for that retirement
8 and having himself a small home in Marion County,
9 because Florida is a good place to live, and having
10 that little home and his wife having died and, as you
11 recall from the facts, having a criminal, a murderer,
12 come into his home, the sanctity of that dwelling,
13 where an individual can expect to be free from harm and
14 intrusion, and as the facts would indicate that the
15 man not only entered that home but tied him up, took his
16 money, pushed him on the bed, and the man was in fear
17 for his life, as well he should be, and he knew that
18 his time had come and he was so afraid -- in that
19 sanctity of his home; that elderly gentleman being
20 carried out of his own home, tied up, placed in his own
21 car, knowing that he was going on the death ride. Just
22 imagine, Your Honor, what went through his mind on that
23 death ride in that closed trunk in his own car, as he
24 scratched and scratched to try to get out, tearing off
25 the wires, hoping in vain that he could escape, but he

1 couldn't. What is more heinous, atrocious than someone
2 riding around in his own closed car, knowing that death
3 is near, knowing that his life is going to expire
4 because a murderer is going to take it -- than the man
5 who stands before you, and there's no pleasant way to
6 say it any other way. Defense attorneys try to
7 personalize; defense attorneys try to remove it from
8 what the facts were. There's no way to paint this
9 murder in the first degree other than it is heinous,
10 atrocious and cruel, and he stopped the car in a very,
11 very remote area, and he threw Mr. Anthony Bockini,
12 that retired individual who came to Florida to seek
13 peace in his old age and retirement, trusting in the
14 laws of the State, and he threw him on the ground and
15 he took that pistol and he shot him dead as the old man
16 looked up at him, in fear of his life as well he should
17 have been, and Mr. Anthony Bockini is murdered, and
18 there's no other nice way to say it. There is no way
19 to make those facts anything but heinous, atrocious and
20 cruel. When you weigh everything else, Judge, as the
21 Statute requires, aggravating, the mitigating cannot
22 weigh it down. I think the only choice, Your Honor,
23 is to uphold the trust that the people have put in you
24 as their elected Circuit Judge and do as the Statute,
25 with that aggravating circumstances, requires, not tha

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1 it's ever not a difficult situation for any Judge but
2 the law requires that the man who murdered in cold
3 blood Anthony Bockini be given that sentence of death,
4 based on the facts and not anticipating what the
5 Supreme Court might or might not do, for they review
6 all of these sentences.

7 On behalf of the People of Marion County, and the
8 People of the State of Florida, I ask that Dan Edward
9 Routly be sentenced to death by electr^ocution, that the
10 Judge would uphold the laws of the State of Florida and
11 the truth which the people have put in him. Thank you
12 Your Honor.

13 BY MR. FOX: Excuse me, Judge. If I may just ver
14 briefly, and I promise to be brief this time. Maybe -
15 perhaps one who is less familiar with the system here
16 in Marion County might -- might have got the impressio
17 that Mr. Fitos was suggesting to you that the
18 imposition of the death penalty might be politically
19 advantageous and a good way to get votes, but I know
20 the Court is beyond that; so I'll just disregard that.

21 As far as doing what the People of the State of
22 Florida want to do, you told the People of the State o
23 Florida who were in that box over there, all twelve of
24 them, what the law was and how they should interpret
25 it, and the law says they must be convinced beyond a

1 reasonable doubt as to the propriety -- appropriateness
2 of the sentence. They deliberated for well in excess
3 of an hour and came back to you and said that they
4 felt an appropriate sentence was life. They had all
5 of those burdens. They listened to Mr. Fitos'
6 argument, very similar in tone and substance as you
7 have heard today, and they were not swayed by that
8 argument. They listened very attentively. They were
9 twelve people; you are one man. Of course, you are
10 the Judge and you do have the final say, but certainly
11 you must take into consideration their recommendation.
12 They did it at the conclusion of the trial, based on
13 the evidence in the trial and after the trial. As far
14 as myself and other defense attorneys trying to
15 depersonalize a case such as this, I don't think
16 anything could be further from the truth. I will live
17 with this case forever, as will you and will the
18 Prosecutor, and I have not discussed this with my
19 client at this point but I'll do it, anyway. In an
20 effort not to personalize the case at all, we extend
21 our sincerest invitation to Mr. Fitos to be personally
22 present in the Florida State Prison at the time death
23 penalty is imposed, if that's the sentence of this
24 Court, and that he feels that that's appropriate. I
25 think we all ought to be there and watch it carried out

1 I think the law is very clear on this case. The fact
2 that the victim's wife had died and he's a retired man
3 of course that doesn't matter. I don't make light of
4 all that. It's a murder; of course, it's a murder.
5 It's a serious crime. That's why we're here, but I
6 think the law and the facts applicable to this case and
7 the recommendation of the Jury should be upheld.
8 Normal situations the State -- that sentencing is
9 telling you how sacred the jury system is and that you
10 should impose their will, and this is the one exception
11 when they seem to feel that the jury is not quite so
12 reliable. I don't have anything further. Thank you.

13 BY MR. FITOS: The State has nothing further, Your
14 Honor.

15 BY THE COURT: Before the Court for sentencing
16 stands Dan Edward Routly, assisted by Counsel, Ronald
17 Fox. Counsel has suggested a legal cause why the Court
18 should not proceed to sentence, that being a proceeding
19 pending in the Federal District Court for habeas corpus.
20 The Court finds that that is an insufficient cause and
21 that there is no legal cause why the Court should not
22 proceed to impose sentence at this time in this case.

23 The Defendant was tried upon an Indictment for
24 first degree murder returned by the Grand Jury in panel
25 in the Circuit Court of the Fifth Judicial Circuit in

1 and for Marion County, Florida, for the Fall Term of
2 1979. The said Indictment charged the Defendant with
3 the premeditated murder of Anthony Francesco Bockini
4 by shooting him with a firearm. The Jury returned its
5 verdict on said Indictment on July 18, 1980, finding
6 the Defendant guilty as charged of murder in the first
7 degree, and upon said verdict the Court adjudicated the
8 Defendant guilty as charged of murder in the first
9 degree. The Jury which tried the Indictment was
10 impaneled to hear evidence in aggravation and
11 mitigation and to render its advisory sentence pursuant
12 to Section 921.141 of the Florida Statutes. On July
13 18, 1980, that Jury recommended that the Court impose
14 a sentence of life imprisonment upon the Defendant.
15 The Court has considered the evidence presented at
16 trial upon the Indictment, the evidence presented at
17 the separate sentence proceeding on the issue of
18 penalty, the Jury's advisory sentence, the pre-sentence
19 investigation report prepared by the Florida Department
20 of Corrections, Probation and Parole Services, and the
21 statements and recommendations of Counsel for the
22 Defendant and the State presented at a sentencing
23 hearing on September 15, 1980, and at this proceeding
24 today. Upon consideration of all of the said matters,
25 the Court hereby finds the following aggravating and

1 mitigating circumstances required to be considered by
2 Section 921.141 of the Florida Statutes.

3 As to the aggravating circumstances, the Court
4 finds that prior to the proceedings today the State had
5 not contended nor had it proven that this capital
6 felony was committed by a person under sentence of
7 imprisonment or that this Defendant was previously
8 convicted of another capital felony or of a felony
9 involving the use or threat of violence to the person,
10 or that this Defendant knowingly created a great risk
11 of death to many persons or that this capital felony
12 was committed to disrupt or hinder a lawful exercise of
13 any governmental function for the enforcement of the
14 laws. The State has contended at this proceeding that
15 this capital felony was committed by a person under
16 sentence of imprisonment. The Court, therefore, finds
17 that these four aggravating circumstances do not apply
18 to this capital felony, the State, having not
19 previously intended on proving that three of these
20 aggravating circumstances exist, and I find that the
21 State has not proven that the additional aggravating
22 circumstance that the capital felony was committed by
23 a person under sentence of imprisonment has not been
24 proven in this proceeding and I find that that
25 aggravating circumstance does not exist in this case.

1 As to the other five aggravating circumstances, the
2 Court finds that it has been proven beyond and to the
3 exclusion of any reasonable doubt that this capital
4 felony was committed while the Defendant was engaged
5 in the commission of kidnapping and that this capital
6 felony was committed while the Defendant was engaged in
7 flight after committing a burglary, and further finds
8 that this capital felony was committed for the purpose
9 of avoiding or preventing a lawful arrest, and further
10 finds that this capital felony was committed while the
11 Defendant was engaged in the commission of a robbery
12 and while the Defendant was engaged in flight after
13 having committed a robbery and, therefore, this
14 capital felony was committed for pecuniary gain, and
15 the Court further finds that this capital felony was
16 especially heinous, atrocious and cruel, and that this
17 capital felony was a homicide and was committed in a
18 cold, calculated and premeditated manner, without any
19 pretense of moral or legal justification.

20 As to the mitigating factors under Section 921.141
21 of the Florida Statutes, the Court finds that the
22 Defendant has not contended nor has he proven that he
23 has no significant history of prior criminal activity
24 or that the capital felony was committed while he was
25 under the influence of extreme mental or emotional

1 disturbance, or that the victim was a participant in
2 the Defendant's conduct or consented to the act, or
3 that he was an accomplice in the capital felony
4 committed by another person, and his participation was
5 relatively minor or that he acted under extreme duress
6 or under the substantial domination of another person,
7 or that the capacity of the Defendant to appreciate the
8 criminality of his conduct, or to conform his conduct
9 to the requirements of law was substantially impaired.
10 Therefore, the Court finds that none of these six
11 statutory mitigating circumstances exist in this case.

12 The only statutory mitigating circumstance which
13 the Defendant urges upon the Court is his age at the
14 time of the crime.

15 Having observed the Defendant's conduct throughout
16 this trial and having considered the evidence of this
17 crime, the pre-sentence investigation report, the
18 psychiatric evaluation of Doctors Rafael J. Gonzalez
19 and Fausto A. Natal, the Court finds that the Defendant
20 was 25 at the time of this crime and that his age at
21 that time is not a mitigating factor in this case.

22 In addition to the statutory mitigating
23 circumstances, the Defendant contends as mitigation in
24 this case the fact that an accomplice was granted
25 immunity, and also the holding of the Supreme Court in

1 Brown versus State, 367 Southern Second 616. The
2 Court finds from the Defendant's own admission that the
3 only person present at the commission of this capital
4 felony knew absolutely nothing about the Defendant's
5 plan or intention to commit this crime and, therefore,
6 there was no accomplice to the commission of this crime
7 for which the Defendant was solely responsible.

8 The Court has considered the facts of Brown versus
9 State and finds that they are distinguishable and that
10 that case furnishes no evidence of mitigation for this
11 case. Therefore, the Court finds that absolutely no
12 mitigating circumstances exist in this case, statutory
13 or otherwise.

14 Considering that five statutory aggravating
15 circumstances exist in this case and that no mitigating
16 circumstances exist, statutory or otherwise, the Court
17 finds that this is an aggravated capital felony in
18 which the death penalty is presumed to be the
19 appropriate penalty unless the mitigating circumstances
20 outweigh the aggravating. Since there are no mitigating
21 circumstances, the Court finds that they do not outweigh
22 the aggravating circumstances. The Jury has recommended
23 a life sentence. The Court finds two compelling reasons
24 to reject that recommendation. First, that this is an
25 aggravated capital felony in which the law of this

1 State presumes that death is the appropriate penalty
2 unless outweighed by mitigating circumstances, of which
3 there are absolutely none in this case and, second,
4 that in comparison to the facts of other capital cases
5 in Florida in which the death penalty has been upheld,
6 equal justice under the law would have a hollow ring if
7 death were not imposed in this case.

8 The Defendant having been asked if he had any
9 cause to show why sentence should not be imposed in
10 this cause and the Court having found that no such
11 cause has been shown, it is, therefore, the judgment,
12 order and sentence of the Court that the Defendant,
13 Dan Edward Routly, for the crime of which he has been
14 convicted, that is murder in the first degree, be
15 electrocuted until he be dead in the manner directed by
16 the laws of the State of Florida. It is further
17 ordered that the Defendant, Dan Edward Routly, be
18 committed to the custody of the Department of
19 Corrections and be imprisoned until he be electrocuted,
20 until he be dead, in the manner directed by the laws of
21 the State of Florida.

22 It is further ordered that the Sheriff of Marion
23 County is hereby directed to deliver the said Defendant
24 Dan Edward Routly, to the Department of Corrections,
25 together with a copy of the judgment and sentence

1 entered in this case.

2 It is further ordered that the Defendant, Dan
3 Edward Routly, shall pay the sum of one dollar
4 pursuant to Section 943.25 of the Florida Statutes.

5 The Defendant is advised of his right to appeal
6 from this judgment and sentence within 30 days from
7 this date, and the Public Defender is appointed to
8 represent the Defendant on this appeal.

9 There being no other matters at this time in this
10 case, the Defendant is remanded to the custody of the
11 Sheriff, pursuant to this judgment and sentence.

12 BY MR. FOX: Excuse me, Your Honor. For purposes
13 of clarifying the record, I would ask that the Court
14 give Mr. Routly credit for time served from December
15 5th, 1979, to today's date, in the event that this
16 sentence might at some later date be altered.

17 BY THE COURT: If the State has no objection, I
18 have no verification of that date. I assume that is
19 the correct date.

20 BY MR. FITOS: The State would have no objection
21 to credit for time served during the time of custody,
22 if Mr. Fox would submit to the Court that date, and I
23 would be able to check it at that time, in order form.

24 BY MR. FOX: And, also, if I may beg the Court's
25 indulgence, I just -- again for purposes of clarifying

1 the record, I ask that if -- realizing you don't have
2 to answer this question for me, if the evidence of
3 aggravating circumstances came from the penalty phase
4 of the trial or from the trial of the case in chief;
5 in other words, the fact that it was committed during
6 the course of a robbery, that was committed to -- in
7 the kidnapping -- is the Court relying on evidence
8 presented during the penalty phase or evidence
9 presented during the trial itself?

10 BY THE COURT: First of all, with respect to
11 credit for time served, the Defendant will be granted
12 credit for time served. I assume the record will speak
13 for itself as to when that should commence.

14 BY MR. FOX: And it should.

15 BY THE COURT: And so far as the matters that the
16 Court has taken into consideration in this case, I
17 believe those have been adequately dictated into the
18 record.

19 BY MR. FOX: Fine; thank you very much.

20 BY THE COURT: That will be all at this time.

21 (Thereupon, the proceedings in the case ended).
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C E R T I F I C A T E

STATE OF FLORIDA)

COUNTY OF MARION)

I, CHARLES E. BRANDIES, Certified Shorthand Reporter, Registered Professional Reporter, and Official Court Reporter, do hereby certify that the sentencing in the case of State of Florida versus Dan Edward Routly, Case Number 79-1270, was heard at the time and place set forth in the caption thereof; that I was authorized and did report stenographically the proceedings, and that the foregoing pages, numbered 1 through 28, inclusive, constitute a true and correct transcription of my said stenographic report.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL this 16th day ofJanuary, 1989.

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